



School Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Principal: Helen Heckman

Commission Members

Clayton Westerfeld (chairperson)
Linda DeClue (vice-chairperson)
Elisa Torres-Benavente
Whitney Burton
Erin-Chaille

Stacy DeVreese
Lisa Keefe
Kelly Glick
Melissa Philippsen
Kristie Racanelli

Carrie Scherschel
Julie Steinmetz
Agustin Torres
Luz Elena Michel

Opening Prayer

Mission Statement

St. Bartholomew Catholic School empowers all students in our faith-filled welcoming community to grow in mind, body and spirit.

Misión

La escuela católica St. Bartholomew da la bienvenida a todos los estudiantes a nuestra comunidad de Fe, y los fortalece para crecer en la mente, el cuerpo y el espíritu.

Agenda and Minutes

Topic / Leader / Est. Time Start

1. Approve or modify minutes from last meeting / Westerfeld / 6:05 p.m.
The minutes of the August 16, 2020, were approved by consensus.
2. Update on School Operations / Heckman / 6:10 p.m.
Mrs. Heckman indicated that day-to-day operations seem to have settled into a routine. The wearing of masks is not a big issue. The biggest challenge has been dealing with the Health Departments' changing protocols although the department has been very responsive to questions. Parents have been very supportive and things continue to be going better than anticipated.
3. Student Enrollment information / Heckman and Westerfeld / 6:40 p.m.
Mrs. Heckman shared that there are 357 students currently enrolled in St. Bartholomew. She indicated that there are 32 students who continue on e-learning and 26 students who previously were e-learning who have returned to in-person learning. Of these 357 students, 322 are Catholics and 90% are parishioners. There are 165 students on CHOICE scholarships and 17 students who are on SGO scholarships.



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Mr. Westerfeld also shared data on “Student Enrollment Summer Change Rate” for the last three years. This data includes the number of new students enrolled and the number of students withdrawn including the reasons given for withdrawing. This data led a discussion of the reasons that contributed to a difference of the 402 students enrolled at the end of the 2019-2020 school year and the 357 enrolled at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. These reasons include the graduation of a large 8th grade class and a smaller than usual kindergarten enrollment this year plus circumstances related to the COVID-19 virus.

4. Student Body Diversity Metrics / Heckman and Westerfeld / 7:00 p.m.
Mrs. Heckman indicated that 36% of enrolled students are Hispanic. There are 140 students who are English Language Learners and approximately 75 students are considered not-proficient in English.
5. Parent Survey Results / Glick and Heckman / 7:10 p.m.
Mrs. Glick shared the results of the parent survey conducted in early August. There were 176 families that responded which was a 74% response rate. Twenty-three percent (23%) of respondents felt that St. Bartholomew should follow BCSC’s schedule and 77% felt that St. Bartholomew should make its own decision on the schedule except in the case where the Bartholomew County Health Department determines that all schools should move to e-learning. She also reported that 70% of the respondents indicated that they felt comfortable with e-learning and 25% indicated they would need support with e-learning.
6. School Commission Committees (finance, fund-raising, alumni, and pre-school / Westerfeld / 7:20 p.m.
There was no update on committees as this work remains on hold due to COVID-19.
7. Closing prayer - Our Father / Westerfeld / 7:30 p.m.

Other notes:

Mr. Westerfeld reminded members of this training available for Commission members:

Virtual Training for School Commission Members

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Register at the following link: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=cQXNjF>